



# Answering the Call to Excellence

Continuing Education for Nurses and Social Workers

**Saturday, September 26, 2009**

**8:30 a.m.—4:00 p.m.**

**Prince of Peace Church**

**3500 Moss Creek Blvd—Hoover**

**Includes Light Breakfast & Lunch**

Registration begins at 8 a.m.

**Registration:**

**\$25**

benefiting the  
Community Hospices of  
America Foundation

## Workshop Objectives:

By the end of this workshop participants will be able to:

- Identify the stages of grief and loss and distinguish between normal and complicated grief
- Describe the new IOM standard of care
- Discuss methods of treating non-pain oriented symptoms in patients
- Evaluate the effects of compassion fatigue and stress and identify coping skills for each
- Describe the goals of palliative care versus curative care

## TOPICS & SPEAKERS

### Grief, Loss & Bereavement

Andrew W. McNiel, MA, LPC  
Executive Director, The Amelia Center

### Non Pain Symptom Management

Nancy Holmes, RN,  
Executive Director, Hospice Compassus

### Care of the Whole Cancer Patient - IOM Guidelines Update and Update on Tumor Lysis Syndrome

Mike Bowan, CRNP, UAB Radiation Oncology

### Recognizing and Responding to Compassion Fatigue

S. Craig Greer, Mdiv  
Director of Continuing Education, Hospice Compassus

### Palliative Care: Past, Present & Future

Ryan Nash, MD, UAB Palliative Care  
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Please check the appropriate box / boxes:

☐ RN ☐ LPN ☐ Social Worker ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_

License # \_\_\_\_\_ \* Nurses must present license at workshop

Make Checks Payable to **The Community Hospices of America Foundation** and mail to:

**HOSPICE COMPASSUS—Attn: Education**  
3500 Blue Lake Drive, Suite 270—Birmingham, AL 35243  
**Registration Deadline: September 22, 2009**  
**Phone: (205) 970-3888—Fax: (205) 970-6677**



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## Directions to Prince of Peace Church

From I-65 & I-459, go South on I-459 toward Tuscaloosa. Take exit 10 which is the second exit heading south (about 5 miles). This exit is for "Hoover, Bessemer, and Alabama 150" and turn left at the light on to Hwy 150. Go .3 miles and turn left at the second traffic light onto Preserve Parkway. Go 1.4 miles and Prince of Peace is on your right. Take the second entrance. For assistance on the day of the workshop call 205-356-1620.

## SPEAKERS:

### Grief, Loss & Bereavement

**Andrew W. McNeil, MA, LPC** serves as Executive Director of The Amelia Center, a comprehensive grief counseling center of Children's Health Systems of Alabama. Mr. McNeil served as a Grief Counselor for The Amelia Center previously, leaving in 2000 to serve as Director of Grief Support Services for Hospice of Martin & St. Lucie in Stuart, Florida. As Director of Grief Support Services he provided direction and program development of a comprehensive grief counseling program for children, teenagers and adults. While serving Hospice of Martin & St. Lucie, Mr. McNeil was promoted to Director of Development, where he was responsible for oversight of major gifts, donor recognition, prospecting and cultivation. Mr. McNeil is an experienced public speaker and has offered many presentations on various topics including *Stress Management*, *Understanding the Grieving Process*, *Healing through Grief*, *Finding Inspiration during Difficult Times*, *Children and Grief* and *Volunteer Leadership*.

### Non Pain Symptom Management

**Nancy Holmes, RN**, serves as Executive Director of Hospice Compassus. Ms. Holmes has more than 11 years nursing experience in Hematology Oncology and has served as a hospice care consultant with Hospice Compassus. She manages the day-to-day operations and ensures quality and compassionate care for patients and families.

### Care of the Whole Cancer Patient - IOM Guidelines Update and Update on Tumor Lysis Syndrome

**Mike Bowan, RN, BSN, OCN, UAB Hematology Oncology**, has been a nurse for 24 years with experience in emergency and critical care, and for the last 8 years has been with the UAB Cancer Center in Oncology. He is also working toward a master's degree in nursing through the UAB School of Nursing.

### Recognizing and Responding to Compassion Fatigue

**Craig Greer, MDiv** serves as Continuing Education Director of Hospice Compassus where he creates and implements company wide educational opportunities. Mr. Greer has more than 10 years hospice experience, serving as executive director, hospice care consultant, chaplain, and bereavement coordinator. He has been with Hospice Compassus for the past three years. He received his MDiv from Notre Dame Seminary in New Orleans and his BA in Communications from The University of Alabama at Birmingham.

### Palliative Care: Past, Present & Future

**Ryan Nash, MD, UAB Palliative Care**—Ryan R. Nash, MD was born and raised in Texas. He graduated from Texas State University in 1997 and attended medical school at the University of Texas Medical School in Houston. He completed his Internal Medicine residency and served as chief medical resident at UT. While in Houston, Dr. Nash served on the Memorial Hermann Hospital Ethics Committee and participated in medical ethics education for the medical school. In 2005 he moved to Birmingham and completed a fellowship in Palliative Medicine at UAB. Upon completion of his fellowship, Dr. Nash became the medical director of the Balm of Gilead Palliative Care Center at Cooper Green Mercy Hospital. He also served as Chief of Staff and Chair of the Ethics Committee for the Jefferson County Healthcare System and Cooper Green Mercy Hospital for 2007-2008. While at Cooper Green, Dr. Nash received recognition for outstanding community service from Highlands UMC, was named as a Top 40 under 40 honoree by the Birmingham Business Journal, and saw the healthcare system through a very successful Joint Commission visit. In 2009 Dr. Nash returned to UAB full-time to concentrate efforts on education in palliative medicine, clinical ethics, and medical humanities. Dr. Nash is active in his community through his church and other charitable organizations. He also enjoys singing with Opera Birmingham and other performing groups. He is the proud husband of Sarah and father to four girls.

